# Tetra Tech, Inc. DATA VALIDATION REPORT LEVEL IV

Site:	West Lake Landfill Site, Bridgeton, Missouri
Laboratory:	TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc. (Earth City, Missouri)
Data Reviewer:	Harry Ellis, Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech)
Review Date	May 9, 2016
Sample Delivery Group (SDG):	J16583
Sample Numbers:	SEDIMENT 2016-03-16A EPA and SEDIMENT 2016-03-16B EPA
Matrix / Number of Samples:	2 Sediment Samples
documents entitled "Contract Labor Superfund Methods Data Review" "Review of Data Packages from Sudocument "Multi-Agency Radiolog along with other criteria specified in The review was intended to identify apparent from the summary data pathat were found, and data qualificate limited to the available field and lab package.  I, Harry Ellis, certify that all data v	y problems and quality control (QC) deficiencies that were readily ackage. The following sections discuss any problems or deficiencies ions applied because of non-compliant QC. The data review was boratory QC information submitted with the project-specific data alidation criteria outlined in the above-referenced documents were deep to the data accorded with those documents.
Many	9 May 2016
Certified by Harry Ellis, Chemist	Date

#### DATA VALIDATION QUALIFIERS

- U The analyte was not detected above the reported sample quantitation limit.
- **J** The analyte was positively identified; the associated numerical value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample.
- **UJ** The analyte was not detected above the reported sample quantitation limit, which is estimated.
- **R** The sample results are rejected due to serious deficiencies in the ability to analyze the sample and meet QC criteria. Presence or absence of the analyte cannot be verified.

#### DATA ASSESSMENT

Sample delivery group (SDG) J16583 included two (2) environmental sediment samples and no QC samples. The samples were analyzed for thorium and uranium isotopes by alpha spectroscopy, using DOE Method A-01-R, and for radium-226 and other isotopes by gamma spectroscopy, using EPA Method GA-01-R. The following summarizes the data validation that was performed.

#### ALPHA SPECTROSCOPY ANALYSES

#### I. Holding Time and Chain of Custody (COC) Requirements

The samples were received by the laboratory and analyzed within the established holding time of 6 months from sample collection to analysis. No data were qualified.

#### II. Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicate (MS/MSD)

MS/MSD analyses were not performed in these analyses. No qualifications were applied for this data gap. LCS and duplicate analyses provided adequate confirmation of accuracy and precision.

#### III. Blanks

The laboratory (method) blanks yielded low activities for all thorium isotopes and for uranium-238. The field sample results for thorium-228 were less than 10 times the blank result, so they were qualified as estimated, possibly biased high, and flagged "J". The activities of the other isotopes were more than 10 times the blank activities, so no further qualifications were applied.

#### IV. Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)

All percent recoveries and relative percent differences from the LCS analyses were within established control limits. No qualifications were applied.

#### V. Tracers

The tracers (thorium-229 and uranium-232) yielded fully satisfactory recoveries from all samples. No qualifications were applied.

#### VI. Calibrations and other Quality Control measures

All calibrations (including initial, annual verification, monthly, and daily) were within QC limits. Monthly background checks were also within limits.

#### VII. Comments

All samples contained rocks and twigs; these items were removed before homogenization. The reported results are representative of the sample portion remaining following removal of the rocks and twigs.

#### VIII. Overall Assessment of Data

Overall data quality is acceptable, with no significant qualifications applied. All data are usable as qualified for their intended purposes.

#### GAMMA SPECTROSCOPY ANALYSES

#### I. Holding Time and Chain of Custody (COC) Requirements

The samples were received by the laboratory and analyzed within the established holding time of 6 months from sample collection to analysis. The preferred 21-day ingrowth period was performed before determination of the radium. No data were qualified.

#### II. Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicate (MS/MSD)

MS/MSD analyses were not performed in these analyses. No qualifications were applied for this data gap. LCS and duplicate analyses provided adequate confirmation of accuracy and precision.

#### III. Blanks

The laboratory (method) blank yielded no detectable activities of the analytes. No qualifications were applied.

#### IV. Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)

All percent recoveries from the LCS analyses were within established control limits. No qualifications were applied.

#### V. Tracers

Tracers are not used in these radioanalytical methods.

#### VI. Calibrations and other Quality Control measures

All calibrations (including initial, annual verification, monthly, and daily) were within QC limits. Monthly background checks were also within limits.

#### VII. Comments

All samples contained rocks and twigs; these items were removed before homogenization. The reported results are representative of the sample portion remaining following removal of the rocks and twigs.

#### VIII. Overall Assessment of Data

Overall data quality is acceptable, with no qualifications applied. All data are usable as reported for their intended purposes.

## **Client Sample Results**

Client: Tetra Tech EM Inc. Project/Site: West Lake Landfill TestAmerica Job ID: 160-16583-1

Client Sample ID: SEDIMENT 2016-03-16A EPA

Radionuclide

Lab Sample ID: 160-16583-1

Matrix: Solid

Date Collected:	03/16/16	13:35
Date Received:	03/17/16	12:45

Method: A-01-R	<ul> <li>Isotopic Th</li> </ul>	orium (Al	pha Spectr	ometry)						
			Count	Total						
			Uncert.	Uncert.						
Analyte	Result	Qualifier	(20+/-)	(20+/-)	MDC	DLC	Unit	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Thorium-228	1.14	7	0.192	0.214	0.0886	0.0327	pCi/g	03/24/16 13:52	04/01/16 12:04	1
Thorium-230	5.87		0.427	0.652	0.0375	0,00713	pCi/g	03/24/16 13:52	04/01/16 12:04	1
Thorium-232	0.697		0.147	0.159	0.0477	0.0123	pCi/g	03/24/16 13:52	04/01/16 12:04	1
Tracer	%Yield	Qualifier	Limits					Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Thorium-229	97.8		30 - 110					03/24/16 13:52	04/01/16 12:04	1

Method: A-01-R - I	sotopic Ur	anium (Al	pha Spectr Count Uncert.	ometry) Total Uncert.						
Analyte	Result	Qualifier	(2σ+/-)	(2σ+/-)	MDC	DLC	Unit	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Uranium-233/234	1.16		0.224	0.244	0.0784	0.0233	pCi/g	03/24/16 13:52	03/31/16 14:04	1
Uranium-235/236	0.0693		0.0654	0.0657	0.0806	0.0205	pCi/g	03/24/16 13:52	03/31/16 14:04	1
Uranium-238	0.953		0.202	0.217	0.0685	0.0184	pCi/g	03/24/16 13:52	03/31/16 14:04	1
Tracer	%Yield	Qualifier	Limits					Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Uranium-232	95.5		30 - 110					03/24/16 13:52	03/31/16 14:04	1

			Count	Total						
			Uncert.	Uncert.						
Analyte	Result	Qualifier	(2σ+/-)	(20+/-)	MDC	DLC	Unit	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Actinium-227	0.0451	U	1.00	1.00	(1.76)	0.820	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Actinium 228	0.518		0.327	0.331	0.561	0.242	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Bismuth-212	0.902		0.987	0.991	1.57	0.662	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Bismuth-214	1.52		0.287	0.327	0.156	0.0606	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Lead-210	4.98		2.62	2.68	2.98	1.37	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Lead-212	0.963		0.250	0.280	0.242	0.112	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Lead-214	1.61		0.301	0.345	0.203	0.0879	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Potassium-40	10.9		2.36	2.61	1.63	0.657	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Protactinium-231	0.0504	U	0.700	0.700	3.98	1.83	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Radium-226	1.52		0.287	0.327	0.156	0.0606	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Radium-228	0.518		0.327	0.331	0.561	0.242	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Thorium-232	0.518		0.327	0,331	0.561	0.242	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Thorium-234	3.27		1.79	1.82	2,95	1.39	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Thallium-208	0.312		0.106	0.111	0.0951	0.0384	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Uranium-235	0.305		0.330	0.331	0.642	0.297	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
Uranium-238	3.27		1.79	1.82	2.95	1,39	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1
			Count	Total						
Other Detected			Uncert.	Uncert.						
Radionuclides	Result	Qualifier	(2σ+/-)	(2σ+/-)	MDC	DLC	Unit	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Other Detected	None			<del></del>			pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:32	1

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### **Client Sample Results**

Client: Tetra Tech EM Inc. Project/Site: West Lake Landfill TestAmerica Job ID: 160-16583-1

Client Sample ID: SEDIMENT 2016-03-16B EPA

Date Collected: 03/16/16 13:55

Thallium-208

Uranium-238

Other Detected

Radionuclides

Other Detected

Radionuclide

Uranium-235

Lab Sample ID: 160-16583-2

Matrix: Solid

Date	Received:	03/17/16	12:45	

Method: A-01-R - I	sotopic Th	orium (Al <sub>l</sub>	oha Spectro Count	ometry) Total						
			Uncert.	Uncert.						
Analyte	Result	Qualifier	(2σ+/-)	(2σ+/-)	MDC	DLC	Unit	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Thorium-228	0.837	7	0.163	0.178	0.0773	0.0272			04/01/16 12:05	
Thorium-230	3.85		0.343	0.471	0.0230	0.00704	-		04/01/16 12:05	
Thorium-232	0.601		0.136	0.145	0.0448	0.0110			04/01/16 12:05	
Tracer	%Yield	Qualifier	Limits					Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Thorium-229	98.3	Series and	30 - 110					03/24/16 13:52	04/01/16 12:05	
୍ Method: A-01-R - I	sotopic Ur	anium (Al	pha Spectr	ometry)						
	•	•	Count	Total						
			Uncert.	Uncert.						
Analyte	Result	Qualifier	(2σ+/-)	(2σ+/-)	MDC	DLC	Unit	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Uranium-233/234	0.618		0.164	0.172	0.0826	0.0256	pCi/g	03/24/16 13:52	03/31/16 14:04	
Uranium-235/236	0.0162	U	0.0380	0.0381	0.0793	0.0202	pCi/g	03/24/16 13:52	03/31/16 14:04	•
Uranium-238	0.618		0.162	0.170	0.0636	0.0162	pCi/g	03/24/16 13:52	03/31/16 14:04	1
Tracer	%Yield	Qualifier	Limits					Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Uranium-232	89.4		30 - 110					03/24/16 13:52	03/31/16 14:04	1
Method: GA-01-R	- Radium-2	226 & Othe	r Gamma E	mitters (	3S)					
			Count	Total						
			Uncert.	Uncert.						
Analyte		Qualifier	(2σ+/-)	(2σ+/-)	MDC	Marian State of the State of th	Unit	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Actinium-227	-0.129	U	0.642	0.642	1.11	0.520	_	03/23/16 13 33	04/14/16 07:33	1
Actinium 228	0.616		0.281	0.288	0.357	0.154	pCi/g	03/23/16 13 33	04/14/16 07:33	1
Bismuth-212	0.831		0.796	0,801	1.25	0.551	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:33	1
Bismuth-214	1.11		0.205	0.235	0.102	0.0404	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:33	1
Lead-210	3.00		1.66	1.69	2,16	1,01	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:33	1
Lead-212	0.830		0.142	0.178	0.133	0.0512	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:33	1
	1.30		0.192	0.235	0.179	0.0816	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:33	1
Lead-214			1.78	2.01	1.38	0.590	pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:33	•
Lead-214 Potassium-40	9.11		1,70							
	9.11 0.226	U	0.559	0.559	2.42	1.12	Ci/g	03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:33	•
Potassium-40		U	20		2.42 0.102	1.12 0.0404			04/14/16 07:33 04/14/16 07:33	
Potassium-40 Protactinium-231	0.226	U	0.559	0.559		0.0404		03/23/16 13:33		
Potassium-40 Protactinium-231 Radium-226	0,226 <b>1.</b> 11	U	0.559 0.205	0.559 0.235	0.102	0.0404	pCi/g pCi/g	03/23/16 13:33 03/23/16 13:33	04/14/16 07:33	

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